

Boston. March 8. 1839.

Dear Deborah, I am still here you see, & being here, of course feel
solemnly obliged to tell you the news; otherwise I might not
get the time, for every minute is taken up. I think I wrote you
last Friday. That afternoon Geo Davis called & Edwin Thompson
was here most of the afternoon. Lee is so severely true; the
difficulty is he is too apt to be blown about. He spent the
evening at Chauncy St. Saturday. Caroline is home as usual. Miss
Butler called & told us many awful stories about the South.
Maria & I spent most of the day in describing protests, writing
a letter in them as circumstances seemed to require. We
have written to many people (women) & to all the female Soc-
eties. Just as night Mrs Southwick called to say that she
had been at a Board meeting where she & Mrs Johnson laboured
very hard to have a Soc. affecting appointed the next week.
Mrs. Hall & Mrs Davis would not vote, the Bells, C. Sullivan &
Mr Parker went against it on the most frivolous pretences. Mrs. Whit-
comb saw them on other things, that she believed Mrs Chapman
wished to submit a letter to Mr Clay to the Society, for their adop-
tion on which Mr Parker said "they had a very good secretary
who was fully competent to attend to all her duties without
any body's help." That is one thing that troubles them I suppose but
the difficulty is that they as well as we know why we want
to hold a meeting. viz. to back the Map^{ts}. Mrs Southwick was
so vexed & irritated by their conduct, she could hardly keep her
composure. Warren called in the evening to say he would carry
Caroline to Weymouth with him the next day as Mr Tyler had
given him in order to carry go to Weymouth, but as
the "next day" was stormy they did not go. I did not go to meet
him in the morning, but in the afternoon I went to the Free
Church & heard Mr Andrews who preached a most excellent
sermon. Phelps was there looking miserably. He administered
to some & as several people were admitted to the church
he was obliged to read the confession of faith which says "at death,"
"and before you will be made perfect." He if is put instead of
and as it was. Before Monday morning, I rose with the lark, &
in order to a previous arrangement was out scouring the town
the whole forenoon to get signatures to a request to the
Soc. that they would call a meeting. As Maria & I were
springing all day we got 45 signatures, though Mrs E. G. Loring

was out when M. went, there and the 2 Southwicks were out
of town & we had no chance to send to the Philbriks. The request
which was headed by Maria was sent up with a polite re-
quest to Miss Parker to bring it before the Board so that
the meeting could be held next Saturday. It was signed by the
Sargents, Newalls, Manns, Longes, Ann Terry & in short the
strength of the cause in the Soc. Mrs Johnson says that the Presses
has been on her feet ever since the notice came; but she
has called a Board meeting for Saturday. Still there is no
probability that they will allow a meeting to be held, tho'
the dissent part of the Board are going to do all they can.
We trust this will seal Mary Parker's fate as all who know
anything about it, brethren & all, are highly indignant. During
the day that I was out for signatures I called at A. Howes
& got her name. She is a pecker of course, but will not lie
and was very well and appeared happy. I called at the
Sargents & agreed to go there & stay a few days. Willbeth is
better, has got down stairs; so Mrs Adams told Henrietta.
Mr Collins, the sweet creature, spent Monday evening with us.
He was so sorry when he found you was in N. B. that he
had not seen you. If he had only known you were there
he would have seen you without fail. He is "as hot as
ginger & as strong as steel." Maria thinks that if the State
is saved he will save it. Tuesday, Mrs Loring called to sign
the petition but as it was gone she could not. I worked on my
mouseline, & as Maria & M. Chapman helped me, I got it done
in time to go to Henrietta's to tea. The Townsends took tea there
Mary was altogether obtuse some when Dr Bartlett's name
was mentioned. Eliza is a slave of the last century; but is
forever agreeable & quoted E. Sampson several times. The
next day Henrietta & I called at Mrs Dixwell's to see John James'
drep. You must know Mrs Richard Lerly gives a great fancy
Ball & it has convulsed the whole city. John James goes as a
Boam him & his drep was very splendid indeed. I did not know
ever see the conquer my bro. I had a line or two from Anna,
which as I called at Maria's on my way to Mrs John Parker's
where I had been invited to take tea, I had an opportunity of
answering. Lucia said they were all well, but Aunt Mary
did not write, being rather low & poorly. At Mrs Parker's beside
M. & I were Helen Davis, Martha Parker a child about 12 of very

remarkable musical abilities. She is not one of the elite but is
united about a great deal, because of her talents. After tea a
goodly number, consisting of the Tuckers, Grays, Shimmens, Parkers
& Anne. I passed quite a pleasant evening as Helen Davis passed
most beautifully. I was made or acquainted with John James but
was not particularly struck. While on this point let me tell you
of Epe's engagement to Mary Bowditch. I only heard it today &
have not seen his aunt's paper so cannot tell how they like it.
Thursday. Henrietta & I called at the A. S. Office & at Maria's. At
this I learned that a meeting of the N. H. Board was to be held
at Maria's that night. Collier was making a call at Maria's
and I understood he passed the evening before there. We
are all carried away with him even thinking we could walk
through life by his side. After tea I took my farewell of the
Sargents & came to West St. where I found Collins & Lucretia
taking tea. In the evening the whole fraternity came. W. C. Wright
Johnson & his wife, W. Wadett, Whipple, Mrs Southwick, Garrison, Collins
Caroline & Henry. We had a most agreeable time. W. C. Wright
gave a most amusing account of his uproar with his associates
which has resulted in his dismission from it though they have
nothing to say as to his Christian character, that is nothing against
it or even the doctrines (meaning the N. H. ones) that he holds. He was
very faithful to them. But as he is about to give an account
of the whole some time or other, I will enter into no particulars. Oliver
Johnson has renounced his church, & did it very well too. This morning
early Mrs Collins called & then Henry C. Collins is the delight of our
eyes as you may well think when I come to the end. Mrs Southwick
called today after dinner to tell us that M. Parker has gone around
& is getting off names off the sequest. She has proceeded, & Mrs S. heard
in getting it away. Maria & I went to Mrs John Sykes' to a meeting
of the Seaman's Civil Soc. It was quite a stupid concern. Mary Robbins
called, all of a bonnie at the conduit of the Board. A Board meeting
of the Map was held this afternoon & Collins was appointed General
Agent. He came home with Henry & took tea & spent the evening &
after a great struggle apparently, in his own mind, he resolved to
undertake the matter. He told us frankly that his wife was
clenical, had no sympathy with his views & that his taking this agency
would be a great trial to her. Then too he evidently felt some
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when he thought what the Faculty would say, & all his friends would be horrified. But he put it all on one side & accepted the matter. We all are in love with him every one. Maria thinks this a finger of Providence. Never could be a nicer person. He is a charming creature. I think I shall go to buy-
month soon or soon but am not sure. Jones of Roxbury is appointed
& Whiting (Bro Mary's man, Truth Teller) In short, the ship begins to
right. Also a little paper from the Liberator office is to be put
out for 50 cts. A meeting of the Map is to be called for the 26th
of this month to settle the whole row. Great efforts will be

made to have it a full meeting. How can you manage? Can
you come for a day or two. - Saturday morning. S. Baker
has just been here in great trouble about the Foxchester
petition. Miss Thayer has attacked them root & branch
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